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Council File Number

89-1533

Title

89-1533

Subject

Mo - On 7-2-86 State SB 547 mandated each community in California to survey & identify all unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings, either with bearing walls or infill walls, & to develop a seismic mitigation plan for Calif State Seismic Commission by 1-1-90. This strengthening prog is now reaching a peak in construction activity with more than 2000 URM bldgs having been strengthened & 1500 more being under construction, with an estimated completion time for prog in 1992. Applied Technology Ccl (ATC) which was established through efforts of Structural Engineers Association of California, ranked bldgs with unanchored pre-cast concrete walls & others with non-ductile concrete frames in LA high intensity seismic activity zone, as two of most potentially life threatening sturctures in event of an earthquake. THEREFORE MOVE, that Dept of B&S develop a seismic strengthening plan to mitigate very severe life threatening hazard of URM infill bldgs by December, 1990, subj to Ccl's approval of this body by 1-1-90. FURTHER MOVE that Dept of B&S be auth to survey & identify other seismically hazardous classes of bldgs such as those with non ductile concrete frames, pre 1972 unanchored concrete tilt up bldgs, etc, upon completion of their survey of URM infill bldgs

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Archive History

7-18-89 - This days Ccl session - File to Cal Clk for placement on

next reg Ccl agenda

7-18-89 - Mo adopted

7-25-89 - File in files

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Council File Number

04-0092

Title

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY FOR CATEGORY OF CONCRETE / NON-DUCTILE STRUCTURES

Subject

Motion - The 1994 Northridge Earthquake caused more loss to life, buildings, housing, and infrastructure as well as more injury and direct economic loss than any other event in the history of the City of Los Angeles. Cumulatively, it was the greatest natural disaster to occur in the United States, ever. In the ten years since the earthquake, the City has taken a multitude of strides to improve our disaster response, by coordinating all emergency services. In addition, we have passed landmark legislation requiring gas shut off valves on all new, transferred and rehabbed single-family structures. The City has enforced the most stringent building codes, with regard to seismic safety, in the Country. As a result, new buildings continue to be safer for Angelenos, and many older buildings have been upgraded through retrofitting or reinforcement. We still have further strides to make, however. There is a category of concrete, or non-ductile structures, built largely between 1933 and 1972. These buildings are primarily large office buildings or businesses and because of this, have the potential to create a lot of injury and destruction in the event of a major seismic event. The fact that they are largely businesses and office buildings, carries an increased risk due to high occupancy. The City currently has no mandatory reinforcement required for these concrete non-ductile buildings, built between 1933 and 1972. In fact, the City doesn't have an accurate inventory of the number of these buildings, their locations, nor a system for evaluating their potential risk in the event of a major earthquake. THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety report back to the City Council on concrete, non-ductile construction; including: 1) How best to identify and inventory these structures. 2) How to determine the risk level and then categorize these structures and 3) Make a recommendation to the City Council on how best to proceed in light of the findings. SEE ALSO COUNCIL FILE 04-0099

Last Change Date

04/05/2007

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Archive History

1-16-04 - This day's Council session
1-16-04 - Ref to Public Safety Committee
1-16-04 - File to Public Safety Committee Clerk
2-18-04 - Re-referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee
2-18-04 - File to Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk
5-13-04 - Set for Planning and Land Use Management Committee on May 19, 2004
5-19-04 - Planning and Land Use Management Committee Disposition - Continued 30 days; ask Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report back
5-20-04 - Letter to Chief Legislative Analyst per Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk.
6-16-04 - For ref - Communication from the Chief Legislative Analyst relative to report back on earthquake safety for non-ductile concrete structures and non-shear wall parking structures.
6-16-04 - Ref to Planning and Land Use Management and Budget and Finance Committees - to Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk
6-10-04 - Set for Planning and Land Use Management Committee on June 16, 2004
6-16-04 - Planning and Land Use Management Committee Disposition - Department of Building and Safety, Director of Finance and Chief Legislative Analyst to report back
6-18-04 - Letter to Department of Building and Safety; Director of Finance and Chief Legislative Analyst per Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk letter

3-28-07 - MEMORANDUM TO FILE - This memorandum notes the expiration of the accompanying Council file/contents; the file is deemed terminated (received and filed) and the subject matter contained herein is closed. No other action is forthcoming.

Pursuant to Council action of September 13, 2005, all Council files pending before the City Council, which have not been placed on a Council or Committee agenda for consideration for a period of two years or more, are deemed received and filed (CF 05-0553).

3-28-07 - File in files

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

DATE: March 28, 2007

COUNCIL FILE NO.: 04-0092

RE: EXPIRED COUNCIL FILE

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Legislative Assistant

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04-0099

Title

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY FOR OPEN-SIDED / NON-SHEER-WALL PARKING STRUCTURES

Subject

Motion - The 1994 Northridge Earthquake was a tragic and devastating natural disaster that caused 57 deaths, thousands of injuries and billions of dollars of damage due to uninhabitable buildings, damaged or destroyed infrastructure and direct economic loss. In the ten years since, the City has enforced the most stringent building codes, with regard to seismic safety, in the Country. As a result, new buildings continue to be safer for Angelenos, and many older buildings have been upgraded through retrofitting or reinforcement. We still have further strides to make, however. Open-sided, non-sheer-wall parking structures are particularly vulnerable in the event of an earthquake involving horizontal motion, which causes a slip. Without enclosed walls to support the structure, there is increased risk of destruction and collapse, which could lead to injuries and deaths. During the Northridge Earthquake, several of these structures collapsed, or sustained considerable damage, including those at the Northridge Fashion Center, California State University, Northridge and Kaiser Medical Center in Granada Hills. It is shocking to think of what could have happened, had the Earthquake happened during business hours. THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety report back to the City Council on open-sided, non-sheer-wall parking structures, including: 1) How best to identify and inventory these structures. 2) How to determine the risk level and then categorize these structures and 3) Make a recommendation to the City Council on how best to proceed in light of the findings. ALSO SEE COUNCIL FILE 04-0092

Last Change Date

04/05/2007

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Council File Number

07-0144

Title

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE / SEISMIC STANDARD OF BUILDINGS

Subject

Motion - The 1994 Northridge Earthquake was the most devastating natural disaster in the history of the City of Los Angeles. In the years since the Earthquake, the City has taken many steps aimed at mitigating the effect of future earthquakes and other natural disasters. As part of its earthquake preparedness plan, the City has enforced the most stringent building codes in the country. As a result, new buildings are safer for residents. Additionally, older brick and masonry buildings have been upgraded through retrofitting or reinforcement. However, there are two categories of building that still carry significant risk in the event of an earthquake. The first is known as concrete non-ductile. Built largely between 1933 and 1977, they are constructed of materials that are vulnerable to a seismic disturbance. Primarily high-occupancy office buildings, these structures unimproved pose a grave risk in the event of another earthquake. The second category of at-risk building is the non-sheer-wall parking structure. Lacking the support of enclosed walls, these structures are highly susceptible to earthquakes involving horizontal motion. During the Northridge Earthquake, several of these structures collapsed or sustained considerable damage. It was only the early morning incidence that prevented loss of life. Additionally, because disaster preparedness is a huge responsibility it requires the contribution of both the public and the private sector. Mandatory building retrofit standards can be at times insufficient and impractical. As such, there is a need for regulation that encourages private sector participation in disaster prevention and response. It has been suggested that a law requiring the public disclosure of the seismic standard of every building (similar to the health grading system used to rate restaurants) would provide an incentive for building owners to strengthen their buildings, because informed tenants could choose safer buildings. THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Emergency Preparedness Department, Department of Building and Safety, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Southern California Earthquake Center, and Building Owners and Managers Association report back to the City Council on concrete, nonductile construction and non-sheer-wall parking structures; including: * How best to identify and inventory these structures * How to determine the risk level and categorize these structures * What funding might be available to address this risk FURTHER MOVE that the above task force be requested to report on the feasibility of an ordinance that would require the public disclosure of the seismic standard of every building.

Last Change Date

09/09/2011

Expiration Date

01/08/2011

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Action History for Council File 07-0144

Date Activity

09/09/2011 File expired per Council policy.

01/13/2009 Planning and Land Use Management Committee continued item to/for future meeting date unspecified.

01/08/2009 Planning and Land Use Management Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on January 13, 2009.

Archive History

1-19-07 - This day's Council session

1-19-07 - Ref to Public Safety and Planning and Land Use Management Committees

1-19-07 - File to Public Safety Committee Clerk

2-21-07 - File to Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

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MOTION

The 1994 Northridge Earthquake was the most devastating natural disaster in the history of the City of Los Angeles. In the years since the earthquake, the City has taken many steps aimed at mitigating the effect of future earthquakes and other natural disasters.

As part of its earthquake preparedness plan, the City has enforced the most stringent building codes in the country. As a result, new buildings are safer for residents. Additionally, older brick and masonry buildings have been upgraded through retrofitting or reinforcement.

However, there are two categories of building that still carry significant risk in the event of an earthquake. The first is known as concrete non-ductile. Built largely between 1933 and 1977, they are constructed of materials that are vulnerable to a seismic disturbance. Primarily high-occupancy office buildings, these structures unimproved pose a grave risk in the event of another earthquake.

The second category of at-risk building is the non-sheer-wall parking structure. Lacking the support of enclosed walls, these structures are highly susceptible to earthquakes involving horizontal motion. During the Northridge Earthquake, several of these structures collapsed or sustained considerable damage. It was only the early morning incidence that prevented loss of life.

Additionally, because disaster preparedness is a huge responsibility it requires the contribution of both the public and the private sector. Mandatory building retrofit standards can be at times insufficient and impractical. As such, there is a need for regulation that encourages private sector participation in disaster prevention and response.

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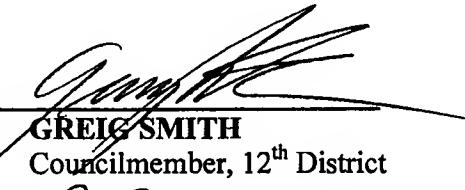
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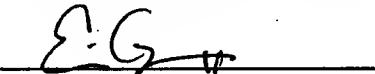
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PRESENTED BY: 

GREIG SMITH

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: 

JAN 19 2007

DATE: September 7, 2011
TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Office of the City Clerk
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXPIRED FILE STATUS

In 2005, the Council approved a policy wherein all Council files pending before the City Council, which have not been placed on a Council or Committee agenda for consideration for a period of two years or more, are deemed "received and filed." The City Clerk is responsible for the administration of this process.

Quarterly each year, the City Clerk administratively closes all received and filed Council files. This letter provides notice that this Council file, and its subject matter, is no longer active as of August 18, 2011. This Council File is deemed closed.